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SUBJECT: U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: WEEKLY
ACTIVITIES REPORT - JUNE 18 - JUNE 24

1. NEGOTIATIONS -- PANAMA'S NEGOTIATORS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON JUNE 22 FOLLOWING FIVE DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS IN PANAMA. ON JUNE 23, THE TWO TEAMS CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES RELATED TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE ENTITY AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS. ON JUNE 24, THE PANAMANIAN SIDE HAD MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BARLETTA MAKE ITS INITIAL PRESENTATION ON THE ISSUE OF ECONOMIC BENEFITS. MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 27.

2. CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. AS PART OF A CONTINUING SERIES OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS, AMBASSADORS BUNKER
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AND LINOWITZ BRIEFED TWO GROUPS ON JUNE 23. A SESSION FOR FRESHMEN SENATORS ORGANIZED BY SENATORS BYRD AND CRANSTON WAS ATTENDED BY TEN OF THE EIGHTEEN FRESHMEN, INCLUDING SENATORS CHAFEE, DANFORTH, DE CONCINI, HAYAKAWA, LUGAR, MOYNIHAN, SARBANES, SCHMITT AND ZORINSKY. THE SECOND MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND WAS CHAIRED BY
REP. YATRON, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS SUB-
COMMITTEE.

3. ILO RESOLUTION. DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF RESO-
LUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE, THE PANAMANIAN
RESOLUTION CHARGING U.S. DISCRIMINATION IN THE CANAL ZONE
WAS NEVER TAKEN UP IN COMMITTEE NOR VOTED ON BY THE
PLENARY.

4. ECLA CONFERENCE IN HAVANA. THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATE
HAD INTENDED TO INTRODUCE A STRONGLY WORDED CONDEM-
NATION OF THE U.S. TREATMENT OF PANAMANIAN WOMEN IN THE
CANAL ZONE. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. DELE-
GATION, A Milder RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED AND ADOPTED.

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